

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1959

### ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2015/16

#### 1. General Conditions

- a) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2015/16 will be organized as a series of International Competitions subject to regulations given in this ISU Communication. The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2015/16 is an ISU Event, financially supported through the ISU Development Program. Relevant parts of the ISU General Regulations apply, in particular Rules 105, 106 and 136. Rule 223, paragraph 1 c) and 1 d) regarding national team uniforms will apply with the adjustments as mentioned in 2c) below.  
As per Rule 105, paragraph 1 a), the national (domestic) TV rights and advertising rights for each Competition in the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2015/16 belong to the organizing ISU Member. Before concluding any commercial agreements the organizers should, however, consult the ISU Director General in order to prevent conflicts with ISU contracts. The international TV rights belong to the ISU. If a TV production is available then the organizers shall provide the international TV signal at no cost, to the ISU and its designated TV companies.
- b) An ISU Memorandum specifying obligations and guidelines for the organization of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2015/16 will be available to the hosting ISU Members and the Organizing Committees.
- c) For each Competition in the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2015/16 the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee assigns a Representative, who shall observe that the competitions are conducted in accordance with this Communication, ISU statutes and the ISU Memorandum.
- d) The first two Competitions in the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2015/16 will be a part of the qualification process for the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games (WYOG). ISU Members will qualify quota places for WYOG based on the results from their participating Skaters in these Competitions, irrespective of the age of the competitors. This means that also results from competitors outside the upper age limit for participation in the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games will count in the qualification of national quota places.
- e) In this Communication the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2015/16 is sometimes referred to with the shorter term “ISU Junior World Cup” and the abbreviation “JWC”.

#### 2. Basic competition rules

- a) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2015/16 consists of a series of Competitions for the following distances/events:  
Ladies, individual events: 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m and Mass start races (10 laps);  
Ladies, team events: Team Pursuit (6 laps) and Team Sprint (3 laps), with a combined ranking;  
Men, individual events: 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m and Mass start races (10 laps);  
Men, team events: Team Pursuit (8 laps) and Team Sprint (3 laps), with a combined ranking.
- b) The ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2015/16 ranking for each distance/event is determined by the accumulated points for each Skater or (for Team Pursuit and Team Sprint) national team over the season.
- c) The competitions are open to all ISU Speed Skating Members, subject to entry quotas and required qualifying times. Participating competitors need to wear racing uniforms clearly identifying the ISU Member concerned.
- d) For all Competitions participation is open to Junior A and Junior B Skaters as per ISU Rule 108; this means Skaters born in the period 1 July 1996 – 30 June 2000. Participation is also open for Junior C Skaters (born between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001) who have reached the qualifying times required to be entered for the ISU World Junior Speed Skating Championships 2016.
- e) The first two Competitions in the ISU Junior World Cup 2015/16 are qualifying events for the 2016 Winter Youth Olympic Games (WYOG). For these two competitions Junior C Skaters in the age

category eligible to compete in the 2016 WYOG will be admitted, subject only to their achievement of qualifying times listed in paragraph 4.1 below. Skaters wishing to participate in the Winter Youth Olympic Games 2016 in Lillehammer must be born between January 1, 1998 and December 31, 2000 (see also ISU Communication No. 1950).

- f) The Competitions are organized in a format where Skaters compete in one Division. The Competitors who currently have the highest ISU Junior World Cup rank on the distance concerned will skate in the last pair of the distance; the Competitors currently ranked 3rd and 4th will skate in the second last pair, etc. The same principle applies for the Team events. For Mass start the start list and the line-up at the start will be organized according to the current Junior World Cup ranking.
- g) Prize money as determined by the ISU, and a special trophy for the winner, will be awarded for the overall classification of each distance/event of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2015/16.

### 3. ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competitions 2015/16

JWC	Dates	Place	Program
<i>JWC-1</i>	November 14 – 15, 2015	Groningen, NED <i>Winter Youth Olympic Games Qualifying Event</i>	Day 1: 1000, 3000, Team Sprint Day 2: 500, 1500, Mass start
<i>JWC-2</i>	November 28 – 29, 2015	Berlin (GER) <i>Winter Youth Olympic Games Qualifying Event</i>	Day 1: 1000, 3000, Team Sprint Day 2: 500,1500, Mass start
<i>JWC-3</i>	January 16 – 17, 2016	Baselga di Piné (ITA)	Day 1: 500, 1500, Team Pursuit Day 2: 1000, 3000, Mass start
<i>JWC Final</i>	March 5 - 6, 2016	Changchun (CHN)	Day 1: 500, 1500, Team Pursuit Day 2: 1000, 3000, Mass start

## 4. Entry Rules

### 4.1. Qualifying times

Entered Skaters must have achieved applicable qualifying times for the respective distances (for Mass start or team events any of the listed qualifying time limits apply):

	<i>Ladies</i>	<i>Men</i>
500 m	45,00	41,00
1000 m	1.30,00	1.22,00
1500 m	2.20,00	2.07,00
3000 m	5.00,00	4.25,00

For a result to be a valid qualifying time, it must have been achieved in the period between July 1, 2014 and the entry deadline for the ISU Junior World Cup Competition concerned. Documentation (specifying date and venue of the competition) of the achieved time must be submitted together with the entries. Exceptionally, the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee may grant, upon evaluation at its discretion, an ISU Member the right to enter maximum one Skater per gender who has not achieved an applicable qualifying time. For the hosting Member such an exception may be granted also for Junior C Skaters.

### 4.2. Entry quotas

- a) For the first three ISU Junior World Cup Competitions 2015/16 (*JWC-1*, *JWC-2*, *JWC-3*) an ISU Member may enter a maximum of 10 Competitors per gender (10 Ladies, 10 Men).
- A maximum of 5 Competitors may be entered for each individual event (distance).
  - For the Team Pursuit event and for the Team Sprint event a Member may enter maximum one team.

- b) For the *last Competition (JWC Final)* in the ISU Junior World Cup 2015/16 an ISU Member may enter a maximum of 5 Competitors per gender (5 Ladies, 5 Men).
- A maximum of 3 Competitors may be entered for each individual event, except for the Mass Start event, where a Member may enter a maximum of only 2 Competitors.
  - A Member may enter one team for the Team Pursuit event.
  - Only Skaters who have scored ISU Junior World Cup points during the season 2015/16, or Skaters who have been entered for the ISU World Junior Championships 2016, may be entered for the ISU Junior World Cup final 2015/16.

#### **4.3. Entries of Competitors**

ISU Members must submit their entries using the ISU Online entry system. The entries must indicate the event(s) to be skated by each entered Competitor, including maximum one substitute per event, and entries for team events. An entered Competitor may be replaced by an entered substitute not later than at the team leaders' meeting preceding the draw for the distance. No substitutions will be accepted at the draw meeting. Replacement of a competitor by an entered substitute *after the draw* may exceptionally be accepted, but only if the Referee has been duly informed at least two hours before the start of the first race of the distance.

### **5. Competition formats and rules**

#### **5.1. Individual distances**

- a) For each individual distance all entered Skaters compete together (in one division).  
b) Quartet starts should be used for the 3000m.

#### **5.2. Mass start races**

Mass start races will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 253, paragraph 4 b) and ISU Communication No. 1957, with the following specific rules (further details and adjustments may be issued by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee).

##### **5.2.1 Racing rules for Mass start**

- a) Distances are 10 laps for Ladies and 10 laps for Men. The warm-up lane is considered as part of the racing track.
- b) Start in the middle of the finishing straight (at the 1000m finishing line, rows of 6 Skaters each), finish at the end of the finishing straight.
- c) The first lap must be skated "in one group" without fast accelerations. Before the 500m finishing line, after this first lap, a second shot or a bell signal will be given. From this moment on it is allowed to accelerate to gain a better position in the pack.
- d) Competitors overtaken (with one full lap) by the current leader must abandon the race immediately.
- e) Severe obstruction of other Competitors will lead to disqualification.
- f) For safety purposes Competitors are obliged to use helmet, cut-resistant racing-suit or underwear, knee-shin guards, cut resistant ankle and neck protection, cut resistant or leather gloves. The back part of the blades must be rounded off, with an indicative radius of 1 cm. Other specially announced safety measures may apply. See ISU Communication No. 1957 and Rule 223, paragraph 1 a)
- g) During the race there will be one intermediate sprint, which will be concluded at the finishing line after 5 laps. A bell signal will be given one lap before the sprint; that means when the lap counter shows 6 laps left. Another bell signal will be given when the lap counter shows 1 lap left, signalling the final sprint.
- h) Sprint points are awarded as follows:
- Intermediate sprint: first three (3) Skaters will gain 5 – 3 – 1 points
  - Final sprint: first three (3) Skaters will gain 30 – 20 – 10 points
- i) The result (final ranking) of the race will be determined by the accumulated sprint points gained at the intermediate sprint and at the final sprint. The Competitors who are the first three to cross the finishing line at the final sprint will then also end up as the top three ranked Competitors.

- For Competitors that do not finish the race in a regular manner, points awarded from the intermediate sprint will not be considered for their final ranking. Such intermediate sprint points will not be reallocated to other Competitors.
- For Competitors with the same total of sprint points, the order of finish in the last sprint will break the tie.
- Competitors without sprint points will be ranked according to their position at the finish.
- Competitors not finishing the race may be ranked by their number of completed laps before abandoning the race.

#### **5.2.2. Entry rules and quota allocation for Mass start**

- Maximum 28 Competitors will be admitted in the race.
- If the number of entered Skaters will exceed 28, each Member will have the right to compete with at least one entered Skater, and the maximum number of entries for a Member will be limited to 4 Skaters. If further limitations are necessary, additional quota places will be allocated as follows:
  - for JWC-1 and JWC-2 based on the results of the 3000 meters in the same JWC Competition.
  - for JWC-3, and also for the JWC Final, based on the current JWC ranking.
- In case of limitations of the overall number of Competitors, as per item b) above, the Team leaders will have to indicate at the Team leaders' meeting the priority order of their entered Competitors.

#### **5.3. Team events**

- Team Pursuit competitions will be with national teams of 3 Skaters. Distances are 6 laps for Ladies and 8 laps for Men.
- Team Sprint competitions over a total distance of 3 laps will be organized based on ISU Technical Rule 261, paragraph 3, and Rule 265, paragraph 8, with national teams consisting of 3 Skaters. The following specific rules apply (further details and adjustments may be issued by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee).
  - The starting procedure is the same as for Team Pursuit, with two teams starting opposite of each other at the middle of the straights.
  - Each Skater in the team must be assigned a position, No. 1, 2 or 3.
  - Skaters shall wear differently colored armbands for easy identification as follows: Skater No. 1 in the team: No armband, Skater No. 2: White armband, Skater No. 3: Red armband. Skater No. 3 should wear transponders to facilitate the timekeeping.
  - The first lap is skated with the Skater assigned as No. 1 leading the team, with Skater No. 2 and Skater No. 3 following. After one lap, Skater No. 1 has to *leave to the outer part of the track* and Skater No. 2 has to lead the team until the second lap is completed. After this lap, Skater No. 2 leaves to the outer part of the track and Skater No. 3 skates the last lap alone and finishes the race for the team.
  - Changeover to the next assigned Skater in the team must take place after the beginning of the finishing straight for the team and before the entry to the curve. The beginning and end of the changeover area will be suitably marked (e.g. by cones).
  - Teams will not be allowed on the warm-up lane while other teams are racing.
  - No coaching from the ice and no team officials in the infield.
- The deadline for entry of names of the Skaters that may compete in the Team (possibly more than 3 names) will be announced by the Referee at the Team leaders' meeting the day before the Team event.
- The final composition of the team shall be declared by the Team leader not later than 30 minutes before the start of the Team event concerned.
- At the first Competition in each Team event, the entered Teams will be seeded according to the respective Team event ranking at the 2015 World Junior Championships.
- At the next Competition the entered Teams will be seeded according to the respective Team event ranking from the preceding JWC Competition. Unranked teams will be seeded thereafter, based on the respective Team event ranking at the 2015 World Junior Championships.
- The starting order will be opposite to the ranking order of the participating Teams: The two best ranked (seeded) Teams will start in the last heat.

#### **5.4. Demonstration events**

Subject to the consent of the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, the organizer of an ISU Junior World Cup Competition may add demonstration events to the program. Entry rules and conditions for demonstrations events should be included in the announcement.

### **6. Drawing, composition of pairs and starting order**

#### **6.1. Draw meeting and Team leaders' meeting**

- a) A Team leaders' meeting shall take place before each day of the Competition, with the purpose to confirm the final entries and to present race schedules and other logistic information.
- b) Each participating Member is obliged to attend the Team leaders' meeting, but participation is restricted to one person (the officially entered Team leader or another person authorized by the Team leader).
- c) Before the first day of a Junior World Cup Competition there will be an opening draw meeting to draw or to announce the composition and starting order of pairs. For the second day the start lists will be determined by the Referee based on the confirmed entries and the rules given below.

#### **6.2. Drawing at the first Competition for the event**

- a) Individual distances (JWC-1): The entered Competitors are distributed in groups of 10 Skaters each based on their achieved qualifying times. Pairs are drawn within each group, and the group with the highest ranked Competitors shall be drawn last. In the case of an odd number of Competitors, the first pair (from the first drawn group) will consist of a single Skater. Skaters from the same country (ISU Member) should not compete in the same pair.
- b) Mass start event: The position of Competitors at the start line is determined by lot.
- c) Team events: See paragraph 5.3 above.

#### **6.3. Pairing and drawing for individual events at the following Competitions**

- a) Competitors shall be paired or (for Mass start) line up at the start according to their ISU Junior World Cup rank, as follows:
  - Competitors or teams with Junior World Cup points will be ranked first, according to their current ISU Junior World Cup rank.
  - Competitors without Junior World Cup points will be ranked thereafter, according to their best achieved Junior World Cup result (time) 2015-16. For Mass start this further ranking will be determined by lot.
  - Competitors without results from Junior World Cup 2015/16 will be ranked thereafter, according to their best achieved qualifying time for the distance concerned.

The starting order shall be opposite to the ranking order of the Competitors, so that the Competitors with the lowest rank start in the first pair, etc. The better ranked Competitor in a pair shall start in the inner lane.

- b) If a pair that is formed based on the ISU Junior World Cup ranking will consist of two Skaters from the same ISU Member, the lowest ranked Skater in this pair will be moved to the earlier pair, and be replaced by the highest ranked Skater in that pair.
- c) In the case of an odd number of Competitors, the first pair shall consist of a single Skater.
- d) In quartet starts the four Competitors with the best ISU Junior World Cup ranking shall form the last quartet, and only the first quartet may be incomplete.
- e) In case of withdrawals after the draw meeting, pairs shall be rearranged according to ISU Rule 245, paragraph 2. Substitutes shall be placed in the pair corresponding to their individual ISU Junior World Cup rank, and necessary rearrangements must be made accordingly. However, for withdrawals announced later than two hours before the start of the distance, adjustment of pairs may be made according to Rule 245, paragraph 3.

## 7. ISU Junior World Cup ranking system

### 7.1. Competitions counting

The following number of competitions and races count for the ISU Junior World Cup ranking for the respective events (as per the competition schedule listed in paragraph 3):

500 m	Ladies and Men	4 Competitions / 4 races
1000 m	Ladies and Men	4 Competitions / 4 races
1500 m	Ladies and Men	4 Competitions / 4 races
3000 m	Ladies and Men	4 Competitions / 4 races
Team Sprint *	Ladies (3 laps) and Men (3 laps)	2 Competitions / 2 races
Team Pursuit *	Ladies (6 laps) and Men (8 laps)	2 Competitions / 2 race
Mass Start	Ladies (10 laps) and Men (10 laps)	4 Competitions / 4 races

\*For the team events the results from the Team Sprint Competitions and the Team Pursuit Competition are combined into one ISU Junior World Cup team events ranking.

### 7.2. Awarding of ISU Junior World Cup points

<i>Rank</i>	<i>JWC-1, JWC-2 and JWC-3</i>	<i>JWC final</i>
1	100	150
2	80	120
3	70	105
4	60	90
5	50	75
6	44	67
7	40	60
8	36	54
9	32	48
10	28	42
11	24	36
12	20	31
13	18	27
14	16	24
15	14	21
16	12	18
17	10	15
18	8	12
19	6	9
20	5	6
21	4	4
22	3	3
23	2	2
24	1	1

### 7.3. Points for tied ranks

If two or more Skaters (or teams) have obtained the same rank in an event, each Skater (or team) will receive the full points scored for this tied rank.

### 7.4. ISU Junior World Cup ranking rules

The ISU Junior World Cup ranking for each event (distance) is determined by the number of points the Skaters (or Teams) accumulate during the season. In the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking, as well as in the intermediate ranking during the season, a tie between Skaters/Teams with the same total of ISU Junior World Cup points will be resolved according to the following criteria (in order of priority) for determining the better ranked Skater/Team:

- i) the Skater/Team with the higher number of Junior World Cup victories;
- ii) the Skater/Team with the higher score of points in one single Competition (race);
- iii) the Skater/Team with the higher score of points in the latest Competition (race) held.

If neither of the above criteria resolves the tie, the Skaters/Teams will have the same ISU Junior World Cup rank.

## 8. Prizes

For each individual event (distance) and for the Team events prize money will be awarded for the 3 best Competitors or teams in the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking.

<b><i>Prize money for the final ISU Junior World Cup ranking</i></b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Individual distances, incl. mass start</b>	<b>Team events – combined ranking (per Team)</b>
1	CHF 600,-	CHF 1800,-
2	CHF 300,-	CHF 1200,-
3	CHF 200,-	CHF 900,-

In case of ties, the prize money amount awarded will be the average amounts for the applicable ranks. The prize money is transferred by the ISU to the respective ISU Members on the conditions that apply for ISU Championships (see ISU Communication No. 1924 or later updates). Each winner will receive a special trophy presented by the ISU.

## 9. Cancellations

### ***9.1. Cancellation of a Competition***

If an organizing Member considers it impossible to hold the ISU Junior World Cup Competition it has been allotted according to the schedule given in paragraph 3, it must urgently give the reasons in writing to the ISU Secretariat to permit the ISU to authorize the cancellation. If circumstances during a Competition would make it impossible to complete the scheduled race, the Referee in consultation with the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee representative is authorized to cancel distances or races. The ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee decides if cancelled distances or races shall be re-scheduled for another date and/or another venue.

### ***9.2. Cancellation of status as an ISU Junior World Cup Competition***

A Competition will retain its status as an ISU Junior World Cup Competition only if at least two ISU Members are represented with Competitors. Junior World Cup points will also not be awarded for events (distances) with Competitors from only one ISU Member.

## 10. Requirements for the organization of ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competitions

A Memorandum will be issued by the ISU containing details on the obligations of the organizers and guidelines for the organization of an ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Competition. A summary is given below:

- a) The organizer is responsible for publishing the announcement for the Competition, in accordance with Rule 110 and guidelines given in the Memorandum. The draft announcement shall be submitted to the ISU Secretariat for approval by the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, not later than two months before the Competition is to be held. The announcement must be published on the ISU Website not later than 45 days before the Competition together with other relevant information.
- b) For each Competition, one or two Referees, one or two Assistant Referees and two Starters are appointed by the ISU President, based on proposals prepared by the ISU Vice President in consultation with the ISU Sports Director and the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee, taking into account nominations made by the organizing Member. The appointed Referee(s) must be an ISU Referee for the season 2015/16, as listed in the applicable ISU Communication. At least one of the appointed officials should belong to ISU Member(s) other than the hosting Member. The organizers must provide the Referee with adequate secretariat assistance and computer support for the preparation and conduct of the draws (see also Rule 210, paragraph 1k).

- c) Automatic time-keeping and the use of a photo-finish system is mandatory for the Mass start event. The connection to a scoreboard should be available if possible.
- d) Anti-doping tests shall be carried out according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules and ISU Anti-Doping Procedures, as given in the applicable ISU Communications (ISU Communications 1871, 1872, 1922 & 1941 or later updates).
- e) The organizer is responsible that appropriate accommodation is available for participants and team leaders. For the participating teams the organizer is obliged to announce a set of guaranteed (maximum) board and lodging rates at available hotels (“official hotels”) as follows:
  - Hotel room rates for single and double rooms (without meals or only incl. breakfast)
  - Rates for full board and lodging (three meals per day).
- f) The organizer is obliged to pay or reimburse board and lodging expenses from dinner the evening before until breakfast on the morning after the Competition for (up to) 3 Skaters or for two Skaters and one team leader from each participating Member. Reimbursement shall be based on the announced room rates for the applicable hotels, and calculated based on the expenses of up to 1 double and 1 single room.
- g) The organizer is responsible for covering expenses for travel, board and lodging for the ISU appointed Officials (Referees and Starters), and for board and lodging for the ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Representative.
- h) The organizer must provide a transportation service between the ice rink and the official hotel(s) during the period of the competitions and the announced training sessions. If possible, also the transportation of the teams should be arranged by the organizer from the nearest international airport. Names and functions of all team officials must be submitted together with the final entries for the Competition.
- i) The organizer must provide ice-training possibilities for at least 3 hours during the last day prior to the JWC Competition, and this period is restricted to Skaters entered for the JWC Competition concerned. Adequate safety protection must be in place at the rink during the official training and competition periods, as per guidelines given in the Memorandum and the ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules.
- j) The organizer is obliged to forward to the ISU complete results of all races and classifications in appropriate digital form. The organizer is responsible that results are forwarded to international press and news service agencies.

## 11. Distribution of results

The organizer of a Competition must immediately send complete results for the races (ranking lists with finishing times and results by pairs) by electronic mail to:

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| • ISU Secretariat                             | prahin@isu.ch |
| • ISU Speed Skating Technical Committee Chair | te@rcn.no     |

The organizer should ensure that results are posted continuously during the Competition at an announced Internet website. The official protocol of results, in appropriate digital format, must be sent without delay to the ISU Secretariat in Lausanne.

## 12. ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating Coordination

Any questions concerning rules and conditions given in this Communication or concerning the organization of the ISU Junior World Cup Speed Skating 2015/16 should be addressed to

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